

Minutes of the Mt. Vernon – Black Township Park and Recreation Board Meeting, August 18th, 2010

The Mt. Vernon – Black Township Parks and Recreation Department Board held its monthly meeting on Thursday, August 18th, 2010, at the Kiwanis Senior Citizen Center at 6:00 p.m. attending the meeting was: Park Board President Ron Bennett, Members – Linc Baro, Kelly Cox, Don Oeth and Synda Waters. Parks Director - John Tate and Park Board Secretary - Debra Scott.

The motion to authorize payment of claims was made by Linc Baro and seconded by Kelly Cox. Motion Carried.

The motion to approve the minutes as written or corrected from the July 21st, 2010, meeting was made by Don Oeth and seconded by Kelly Cox. Motion Carried.

The motion to approve the balance of accounts to be entered into the minutes subject to audit for August 18th, 2010, was made by Don Oeth and seconded by Linc Baro. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Imagination Station – Mr. Tate handed out some numbers that Brandon Bullard received from Vectren on installing lights at the playground. Mr. Tate stated that Vectren will do the installation at a cost of \$500. There is the option of one or two lights that are 100, 200 or 400 watt. The cost per month per light will be: \$6.55(100w), \$10.33(200w) and \$17.85(400w). After a brief discussion, the board agreed that two lights would work best pointed in different directions to light up the playground. The Parks Dept. will seek Vectren and Brandon Bullard's opinion on what wattage to use. The board thought the 200 watt option would be good and would cost \$20.66 per month and \$247.92 per year. Mr. Linc Baro made the motion for the \$500 to be paid from the Friends of the Library fund and the Parks and Recreation Department will pay the \$20.66 monthly bill from the utilities line in the budget. Synda Waters seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Shelter #1 – Mr. Tate stated shelter #1 at Brittlebank Park, had recently been painted. While the shelter was being painted the paint crew noticed the downspouts were rusted through and needed replaced. The paint crew asked the park maintenance to remove the gutters and downspouts so they could paint the beams. There was also a hole rusted through on the gutters. Mr. Tate did call a couple of companies to quote the gutters and downspouts replacement. US Industries quoted \$7200 and Midwest Roofing quoted \$9150 for the same work. After the quotes came in, Mr. Tate requested a quote from US Industries for just the downspouts and patching the

hole. This quote came in at \$815. The downspouts must be replaced soon, but the gutters do not necessarily need replaced at this time. Mrs. Synda Waters asked about receiving some quotes from local builders. Mr. Linc Baro asked why U.S. Industries went with steel instead of aluminum. After a brief discussion, Mr. Linc Baro suggested calling Ralph Weiss to get a quote. Mr. Ron Bennett stated after Mr. Tate receives the quotes, he can call the Board to have a telephone poll to get consent for the gutters and downspouts.

2. Riverfront Park – Mayor John Tucker approached Mr. Tate about getting some signs made for the new Riverfront Park through a city ordinance. Mr. Tate told him he would talk to board about the situation. After discussing the issue, the Board said they do not feel comfortable making decisions over the new area at this time. The Parks Board feels the Mayor/City Council needs to state in a public meeting that the Parks Department will be over the new area. Mr. Don Oeth stated maybe the Mayor needed to come to the next Park Board meeting for a discussion. Mr. Tate did inform the board that Mayor Tucker stated he would find money from somewhere (EDIT or COIT Taxes) to provide the Parks Department in taking care of the Riverfront Property. It does look like the plan is for our department to mow and maintain the area. This discussion was tabled until the next board meeting. Mr. Tate will talk to Mayor Tucker on behalf of the board before the next board meeting.

Motion was made to adjourn by Don Oeth and seconded by Linc Baro.

Motion Carried.

Meeting Adjourned

John Tate, Parks Director

Ron Bennett, Board President

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m., Thursday, September 16th, 2010, at the Kiwanis Senior Citizens Center.